

Congressman Childers Expresses Support for Mississippi Tornado Victims, Shares Information on How to Help

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Washington, DC – On Saturday, a devastating tornado hit several communities in North Mississippi, including three counties in the First Congressional District. As of Sunday evening, damages included a total of 225 homes or mobile homes, 5 businesses, 17 injuries, and 5 deaths in Choctaw, Monroe, and Union Counties. Congressman Travis Childers (MS-01) released the following statement expressing his support for tornado victims and their families, and informing North Mississippians about how they can help:

“This weekend, our communities were struck by the largest natural disaster to hit our state since Hurricane Katrina. I would like to express my deepest condolences to the families of the ten victims killed in Choctaw County and surrounding communities. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Mississippians who suffered injuries and damages to their homes and businesses. We are a strong community and we will recover from this disaster.

“MEMA has announced information on how to help our neighbors in need, including ways to donate and volunteer. In addition, my congressional offices and staff are available to assist storm victims, as well as those who would like to participate in relief efforts. I will continue to monitor damage in the First District and statewide caused by this weekend’s storms, and will work to make sure that victims receive the resources they need to recover.”

The Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service has asked charities, businesses, and individuals who would like to volunteer to register at www.volunteermisissippi.org or call (888) 353-1793. MCVS has asked that volunteers stand by until they are contacted.

For more information on how to donate or volunteer, call 888-353-1793 or visit msema.org and click on the donation and volunteer links listed under “NEWS.”

To accommodate those locally wanting to help, the Hinds County Sheriff's Department has set up an 18 wheeler truck at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds to accept non-perishable food, bottled water, clothing and bedding and other items to aid in relief efforts for storm victims. A donation center has also been set up in Yazoo City at 1601 County Barn Road.

A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit www.childers.house.gov

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